

the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2846. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report to Congress and the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation Management's Response for the period from April 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2847. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's Semiannual Report of the Office of Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2848. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 8, 2021; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2849. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Reports from the Treasury Inspector General and the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration for the period from April 1, 2021, through September 30, 2021; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2850. A communication from the Treasurer, National Gallery of Art, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Gallery's Performance and Accountability Report for the year ended September 30, 2021; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2851. A communication from the Director, Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2021 received in the Office of the President pro tempore of the Senate; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2852. A communication from the Director of Financial Management, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2021; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2853. A joint communication from the Secretary of Labor and the Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's Annual Report for fiscal year 2021 received in the Office of the President pro tempore of the Senate; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2854. A communication from the Register of Copyrights and Director, United States Copyright Office, Library of Congress, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the extension of adjustments to certain timing provisions of the Copyright Act for persons affected by the COVID-19 pandemic; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2855. A communication from the Regulation Development Coordinator, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Awards Under the Nehmer Court Orders for Disability or Death Caused by a Condition Presumptively Associated with Herbicide Exposure; Implementing Court Order" (RIN2900-AR40) received in the Office of the

President of the Senate on December 13, 2021; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2856. A communication from the Regulation Development Coordinator, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Release of Information from Department of Veterans Affairs' Records" (RIN2900-AR39) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 13, 2021; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2857. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Kosakonia cowanii strain SYM00028; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9216-01-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 13, 2021; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2858. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Trichoderma harzianum strain T-78; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9218-01-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 13, 2021; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2859. A communication from the Director, Regulations Management Division, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Biofuel Producer Program for Fiscal Year 2021" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 13, 2021; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2860. A communication from the Director, Regulations Management Division, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Food Supply Chain Guaranteed Loan Program" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 13, 2021; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2861. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Management Directive 12.6, NRC Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) Program" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 13, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2862. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Rhode Island; 2015 Ozone NAAQS Interstate Transport Requirements" (FRL No. 8967-02-R1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 13, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2863. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances (20-2.5e)" ((RIN2070-AB27) (FRL No. 7842-02-OCSP)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 13, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2864. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the

Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2021-0146 - 2021-0153); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2865. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of International Agreements other than Treaties entered into with Taiwan by the American Institute in Taiwan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2866. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Assistance Provided to Foreign Aviation Authorities for FY 2020"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2867. A communication from the Deputy Division Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act of 2018" ((FCC 21-119) (Docket Nos. WC18-336)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2021; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2868. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for Commission Review of State Opt-Out Requests from the FirstNet radio Access Network" ((FCC 19-155) (PS Docket No. 16-269)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2021; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-99. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging the United States Congress to take action to mitigate the depletion of the Social Security and Medicare trust funds; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 157

Whereas, Social Security benefits are paid to more than 65 million Americans, including some who use the financial resource to stay out of poverty. Approximately 21.7 million Americans would have been in poverty in 2020 without Social Security benefits. Vulnerable individuals, including the aging population and people with disabilities, depend on Social Security to supplement other forms of income. The Social Security Administration reports that Social Security benefits account for at least one-third of the income of the elderly; and

Whereas, Medicare helps pay medical costs for over 57 million individuals per year on average. Medicare allows for individuals to receive medical care and prescription drugs that they otherwise may not be able to afford. Many people enrolled in Medicare live with health problems and almost half of enrollees have incomes below 200 percent of the federal poverty level. Estimates showed that 19 percent of Medicare beneficiaries had no other form of supplemental insurance in 2016; and

Whereas, Projections in Social Security and Medicare trustees reports estimate that Social Security will only be able to pay 78 percent of scheduled benefits by 2034, and

Medicare will only be able to pay 91 percent of full costs by 2026. Americans will suffer without essential benefits paid by these programs, despite paying tax dollars towards Social Security and Medicare. Lacking full Medicare benefits, many Americans will not be able to afford crucial medical services. The depiction of these social safety nets poses a great threat to not only current beneficiaries, but all those who may benefit in the future; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the United States Congress to take action to mitigate the depletion of the Social Security and Medicare Trust Funds; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-100. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Ohio urging the United States Congress and the President of the United States to, with haste, take action to bring home the missionaries who have been taken hostage in Haiti; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 147

Whereas, Seventeen missionaries were kidnapped by a gang in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, as they were leaving an orphanage; and

Whereas, Local authorities said the group that was kidnapped included sixteen Americans and one Canadian; and

Whereas, Haiti has been in a state of political upheaval for years, and kidnappings of the rich and poor alike are alarmingly common; and

Whereas, Violence is surging across Port-au-Prince, which is controlled by gangs. By some estimates, gangs now control roughly half of the city; and

Whereas, The kidnappers have released a video threatening to put a bullet in the heads of the hostages, including an eight-month-old baby if their demands are not met; and

Whereas, The fate of the hostages should not be left in the hands of kidnappers who have no regard for human life; and

Whereas, An evaluation of the nation's conscience demands that the federal government use any and all means available to ensure that the seventeen missionaries, who without fault were acting in good faith to help Haitians in need, be brought to safety; now therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Ohio House of Representatives of the 134th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the United States Congress and the President of the United States, with haste, to take action to bring home the missionaries who have been taken hostage in Haiti; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Department of Defense, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, each member of the Ohio congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio.

POM-101. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Michigan urging the federal government to allow persons under the age of 21 to operate commercial vehicles on interstate routes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 89

Whereas, In most states, including Michigan, drivers 18 years and older may obtain a

commercial driver's license (CDL) to operate commercial vehicles within state lines. However, federal regulations prohibit persons under the age of 21 from operating a commercial motor vehicle across state lines; and

Whereas, Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, trucking companies have lost between 5% to 15% of their drivers. Age restrictions on interstate trucking has made it more difficult to replace outgoing drivers exacerbating an already tight labor market; and

Whereas, The Developing Responsible Individuals for a Vibrant Economy Act (DRIVE Safe Act) has been introduced in the United States Senate to address the shortage of truck drivers across the country. Introduced in March 2021, the DRIVE Safe Act would direct the U.S. Department of Transportation to create regulations to implement an apprenticeship program for licensed commercial motor vehicle drivers under the age of 21; require apprentice drivers to complete at least 400 hours of on-duty time and 240 hours of driving time with an experienced driver; and require all commercial motor vehicles used in the apprenticeship program to be equipped with safety technology. This legislation would ensure that individuals between the ages of 18 and 21, many of whom are already licensed and driving in their resident states, are trained and available to address the truck driver shortage. Further, the act will create additional career opportunities for young adults at the time they are entering the workforce; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the federal government to allow persons under the age of 21 to operate commercial trucks on interstate routes; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-102. A petition from a citizen of the State of Texas relative to amending federal laws; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-103. A resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco, California, urging the President of the United States to extend funding assistance from FEMA to maintain non-congregate shelter in place hotels through the year of 2022; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MANCHIN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 172. A bill to authorize the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 117-49).

S. 491. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain river segments in the York River watershed in the State of Maine as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 117-50).

By Mr. MANCHIN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 535. A bill to authorize the location of a memorial on the National Mall to commemorate and honor the members of the Armed Forces that served on active duty in support of the Global War on Terrorism, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 117-51).

By Mr. MANCHIN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

H.R. 1664. An act to authorize the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 117-52).

By Ms. CANTWELL, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 15. A bill to require the Federal Trade Commission to submit a report to Congress on scams targeting seniors, and for other purposes.

By Ms. CANTWELL, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 115. A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a study and submit to Congress a report on the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the travel and tourism industry in the United States, and for other purposes.

By Ms. CANTWELL, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 120. A bill to prevent and respond to the misuse of communications services that facilitates domestic violence and other crimes.

S. 163. A bill to address the workforce needs of the telecommunications industry.

S. 381. A bill to establish the National Ocean Mapping, Exploration, and Characterization Council, and for other purposes.

S. 576. A bill to amend title 14, United States Code, to require the Coast Guard to conduct icebreaking operations in the Great Lakes to minimize commercial disruption in the winter months, and for other purposes.

S. 735. A bill to amend the Scientific and Advanced-Technology Act of 1992 to further support advanced technological manufacturing, and for other purposes.

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 767. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 40 Fulton Street in Middletown, New York, as the "Benjamin A. Gilman Post Office Building".

H.R. 1170. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 League in Irvine, California, as the "Tuskegee Airman Lieutenant Colonel Robert J. Friend Memorial Post Office Building".

H.R. 1444. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 132 North Loudoun Street, Suite 1 in Winchester, Virginia, as the "Patsy Cline Post Office".

By Mr. DURBIN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2340. A bill to improve the safety and security of the Federal judiciary.

By Mr. TESTER, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2514. A bill to rename the Provo Veterans Center in Orem, Utah, as the "Col. Gail S. Halvorsen 'Candy Bomber' Veterans Center".

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2932. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 430 South Knowles Avenue in New Richmond, Wisconsin, as the "Captain Robert C. Harmon and Private John R. Peirson Post Office Building".

H.R. 3210. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1905 15th Street in Boulder, Colorado, as the "Officer Eric H. Talley Post Office Building".